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OFFICERS BIENNIALLY ELECTED.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT,

JOHN H. POLLARD.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST,

JOSEPH HARRIS, NATHANIEL A. WENTWORTH,
GARDNER S. TOWLE.

OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY.

TOWN CLERK,

MOSES KIMBALL.

SELECTMEN,

JAMES M. DAVIS, ISAAC HALL,
BENJAMIN G. FLANDERS.

TREASURER,

JAMES F. GEORGE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JOHN M. KIMBALL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

ANNIE L. DOW.

CONSTABLE,

AMOS C. CLEMENT.

TOWN WARRANT.

{ L. S. } *STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.*

To the inhabitants of the town of Plaistow qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2 To choose three Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Clerk.

3. To choose a Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for paying the town debt, and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repair of highways.

6. To hear the reports of the Town Treasurer, Board of Selectmen and Superintending School Committee.

7. To take the sense of the qualified voters on the subject of the revision of the Constitution.

8. To see if the town will vote to require the proprietors of the Boston and Maine Railroad to secure the crossing of the highway called the "Willow Tree Crossing," at Plaistow, by said railroad, by a flag or by gates on one or both sides of said railroad.

9. To transact all other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1886.

JAMES M. DAVIS,
ISAAC HALL,
BENJAMIN G. FLANDERS, } Selectmen of Plaistow.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1885,	$133 47
From County, on account of paupers,	115 93
Railroad tax,	125 94
Savings bank tax,	143 22
Literary fund,	91 50
F. W. Shannon, license, pool table,	10 00
Use of town hall,	10 00
Interest on taxes of 1884,	7 04
" " 1885,	6 18
George Sumner, Collector, 1881,	3 85
John M. Kimball, " 1883, 1884 and 1885,	3988 63
	$4635 76

DISBURSEMENTS.

By paying town bonds,	$1000 00
Interest on bonds overdue,	5 73
Coupons,	405 00
Selectmens' orders,	3079 58
Cash in treasury,	145 45
	$4635 76

GEORGE SUMNER, Collector, 1881.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1885,	$7 13	
	To uncollected dog tax,	2 00	
			$9 13
CR.	By paying town treasurer,	$3 85	
	Balance due on dog tax,	2 00	
	" on the town,	3 28	
			$9 13

JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1882,

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1885,	$53 73	
	To balance due on dog tax,	1 00	
			$54 73
	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1886,	$53 73	
	To balance due on dog tax,	1 00	
			$54 73

JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1883.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1885,	$27 71	
	To balance due on dog tax,	2 00	
			$29 71
CR.	By paying Town Treasurer,	$8 60	
	Balance due on dog tax,	2 00	
	" the town,	19 11	
			$29 71

JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1884.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1885,	$375 87	
	To balance due on dog tax,	14 00	
			$389 87

Cr.	By paying Town Treasurer,	$275 94	
	Taxes bought by the town,	65 86	
	Balance due on dog tax,	6 00	
	" the town,	34 07	
	Paid on dog tax.	8 00	
			$389 87

John M. Kimball, Collector, 1885.

Dr.	To taxes committed for collection as follows:		
	To State tax,	$568 00	
	County tax,	703 45	
	Town tax,	1800 00	
	School tax,	497 00	
	Special school tax, Dist. No. 3,	100 00	
	Non-resident highway tax,	143 84	
	Hearse,	310 00	
	Percentage,	181 03	
	Dog tax,	57 00	
			$4360 32
Cr.	By abatements,	$5 38	
	Non-resident highway receipts,	15 14	
	Paying Town Treasurer,	3649 02	
	" dog tax,	31 00	
	Balance due on dog tax,	22 00	
	" the town,	637 78	
			$4360 32

Abatements, Collector Kimball's List, 1885.

John W. Kelly, dog died,	$1 00	
Chellis Ray, "	1 00	
George W. Gates, "	2 00	
George A. Thompson, dead,	1 38	
		$5 38

DOG TAX.

Amount due March 1, 1885,		$19 00
" of tax for the year 1885,		57 00
		$76 00
Amount paid school districts,	$39 00	
" abated,	4 00	
" due,	33 00	
		$76 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Peter Goulet, 2 days on highway,	$3 00
John Curtis, 2 days work on Kingston road,	3 00
Edmund Labelle, 2 days work on Kingston road,	3 00
Ira G. Harriman, 2 days work on Kingston road,	3 00
Dean R. Harriman, 2 days work on Kingston road,	3 00
Warner R. Harriman, 2 days work on Kingston road,	3 00
P. D. Britton, 2 days work on Kingston road,	3 00
P. D. Britton, work on Newton and Crane road,	2 00
Joseph Lombard, 2 days on highway,	3 00
S. C. Sleeper, 2 1-2 days team on Kingston road, and near house of John Duffill,	10 00
Town of Newton, use of road machine,	5 00
W. W. Wilder, 1 day with same,	2 00
John Bradley, work on highway near Mrs. Warner's,	22 09
C. E. Crockett, 2 1-2 days on highway,	3 75

Paid J. M. Davis, work on roads and bridges, and money paid Payne and others,	$13	25
Edson E. Peaslee, 804 feet plank and boards for bridges, &c.,	12	76
Edson E. Peaslee, oak stringers,		75
Edson E. Peaslee, 500 feet oak cop pieces for Clark's bridge,	15	00
Edson E. Peaslee, 3 days work, 2 men and pair horses, near Mrs. Warner's,	16	50
D. D. Chase & Son, plank for bridges,	25	90
B. G. Flanders, 1-2 day putting down new plank on bridge near Bradley place,		75
B. G. Flanders, 12 hours cutting bushes on highway, and breaking snow paths,	1	80
N. A. Wentworth, 3 days on highway, 2 horses, cart and man, near John Bradley's,	12	00
N. A. Wentworth, 1 days work, 2 horses and man, on road machine,	3	50
N. A. Wentworth, 2 days work on Clark's bridge,	3	00
N. A. Wentworth, drawing away old stringers and getting spikes and spiking bridge,	2	00
N. A. Wentworth, 1 day self, team and man, on highway,	5	50
N. A Wentworth, 1-2 day, 2 men on Bryant road,	1	50
Edward Maynard, 2 days on highway,	3	00
A. C. Clement, 258 feet plank, for covering watercourse, and driveway near I. H. Pollard's,	4	12

Paid A. C. Clement, work on highway,	$9 75
Isaac Hall, work, self and horse, drawing stringers for Noyes bridge, and putting in the same,	2 50
F. N. Gauvin, 1 day on same,	1 50
F. N. Gauvin, 1-2 days work on Noyes bridge, and bridge near Geo. F. Battles' and drawing plank for same,	1 50
F. N. Gauvin, drawing plank for Eaton bridge, and putting down the same,	2 00
F. N. Gauvin, repairing Harriman bridge,	1 00
F. N. Gauvin, drawing plank from Haverhill, and repairing Harriman bridge,	2 50
F. N. Gauvin, 1 days work on watercourse near N. Hall's,	1 50
J. Peltier, 1 1-2 days work taking up watercourse,	2 25
F. N. Gauvin, 1 day do.,	1 50
Self, 1 day do.,	1 50
posts and rails for same,	45
drawing plank from Harriman bridge for watercourse near the house of B. Lagasse,	50
cutting bushes between D. Bryant's and Atkinson depot,	2 00
Felix Fountain, 3 days work near John Bradley's,	4 50
Self, 4 days work near Mrs. Warner's,	6 00
Nathaniel Hall, 4 days work, do.,	6 00
Thomas Hall, 2 1-2 days work, do.,	3 75
Self and horse, buying timber for Clark's bridge,	2 00

Paid Self and horse, to cut the same,	$2 00	
Self and horse, 2 days Clark's bridge,	4 50	
E. Nickett, hewing timber,	1 75	
Nathaniel Hall, peeling timber,	1 25	
F. N. Gauvin, cutting and hewing timber,	75	
E. Nickett, 2 days Clark's bridge,	3 50	
F. N. Gauvin, 2 days, do.,	3 00	
H. Wentworth, 2 days, do.,	3 00	
Elbridge H. Noyes, stringers, do.,	12 95	
Boston & Maine railroad, 3 ties,	30	
Stick timber, Clark's bridge,	1 75	
A. F. Simonds, work on highway,	4 20	
" paid Geo. M. Proctor, do.,	4 58	
" " P. D. Britton, do.,	6 53	
" G. S. Towle, do.,	60	
" Mrs. Luce, use of cart,	1 00	
		$294 53

SCHOOLS.

Paid Prudential Committee, Dist. No. 1,	$141 00	
" " " 2,	130 12	
" " " 3,	320 00	
" " " 4,	117 15	
Amount due the districts,	42 87	
		$751 14
Appropriations, literary fund and dog tax,		$751 14

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. A. Wentworth, services as supervisor for the years 1883 and '84,	$5 00
Moses Kimball, services as town clerk,	20 00
Annie L. Dow, " superintending school committee,	20 00
James M. Davis, services as selectman,	75 00

Paid Isaac Hall, services as selectman,	$35 00
Benjamin G. Flanders, " "	20 00
James F. George, services as treasurer,	20 00
John M. Kimball, collecting $4062 16,	81 03
	$276 03

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid Moses Stevens,	$38 27
George A. Thompson,	46 25
Peter Shay,	8 25
Phillip Thibault,	8 25
Transient,	14 91
	$115 93

PAID TAXES.

Paid State tax,	$568 00
County tax,	703 45
	$1271 45

SNOW PATHS.

Paid Isaac Hall,	$2 00
George Sumner,	2 63
Wilbur H. Flanders,	2 00
A. J. Bartlett,	2 10
	$8 73

NOTES.

Paid J. M. Carpenter, note and interest, on account of hearse,	$309 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Mitchell & Hoyt, printing reports, 1885,	$13 50
" " billheads,	3 00
J. H. Batchelder, invoice record book,	8 50
" collector's and surveyor's books and town warrants, &c.,	2 31

Paid J. M. Davis, bounty on 39 woodchucks,	$3 90
B. G. Flanders, " 47 "	4 70
" 2 days running line between Plaistow and Kingston,	4 00
A. C. Clement, services suppressing cock fight,	2 00
C. T. Weaver, pair climax stools for hearse,	5 00
Mary Nichols, 46 1-2 yards cloth for hearse covering,	3 26
J. N. George, fares, hotel expenses, and carriage hire, on account of journey to New Bedford to inspect hearse,	6 10
Boston & Maine railroad, freight and expense on hearse,	11 70
F. A. Drury, burners and shades for lamps in town hall,	1 55
G. E. Calef, fixtures and curtains for town hall,	7 97
J. M. Davis, stationery, postage and express,	1 01
J. M. Davis, fare and expense to Exeter to settle with County Commissioners,	1 50
J. M. Davis, 2 days running line between Plaistow and Kingston,	4 00
Hanscom Brothers, for spikes, &c.,	5 44
Isaac Hall, 1 day running line between Plaistow and Kingston,	2 00
D. Frank Fellows, surveying line between Plaistow and Kingston,	3 00
J. F. George, for money paid as fees to Town Clerk for issuing pool table license,	50
	$94 91

Financial Statement.

LIABILITIES.

Due on town bonds,	$6,000 00
" Coupons,	195 00
" School money, District No. 1,	16 49
" " " " 2,	4 00
" " " " 3,	22 38
" Dog tax,	33 00
	$6,270 87

ASSETS.

Due from taxes, and interest on property bought by the town,	$58 77
" George Sumner, collector, 1881,	5 28
" John M. Kimball, " 1882,	54 73
" " " 1883,	21 11
" " " 1884,	40 07
" " " 1885,	659 78
Cash in treasury,	145 45
	$985 19
Debt reduced the past year,	$1341 10

ACCOUNT OF PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES AND BOUGHT BY THE TOWN.

Antoine Pinet, tax of 1883,	$5 48
" " 1884,	1 90
Joseph & John Bryant's heirs, do,	19 39
Daniel E. Avery, "	3 77
Alfred Kelly, "	1 90
Daniel S. Peaslee, "	24 55
George H. Tucker, "	1 78
	$58 77

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. DAVIS,
ISAAC HALL,
BENJAMIN G. FLANDERS, } Selectmen of Plaistow.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

HEZEKIAH H. CHENEY, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

MRS. L. ESTELLE WELCH, Teacher for the Year.

The spring term was ten weeks in length. We visited the school three times during this term, and found everything apparently in a harmonious and prosperous condition. Doubtless all persons who were present at its close would testify to the highly enjoyable and entertaining character of the exercises. Some exceptionally fine concert reading was noted. In her register we find that the teacher has marked the deportment of her pupils as "good" for one term, and "the very best" for another, which goes to prove certainly that she was well satisfied with their conduct. No formal examination was made at the end of the fall term. The school closed with an evening exhibition. Quite a number of children entered the school who did not attend a sufficient length of time to be reckoned legally as scholars.

Roll of Honor, 1st term: Hattie Dononcour, Charlie Dononcour, Arthur Dononcour, Hattie Welch, Sammie Goin, Henry Goslin, Ernest Shannon, Harry Goodchild, Rosa Goin; 2nd term: Hattie Dononcour, Rosa Goin.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

NELSON E. SIMONDS, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

MISS ALMIRA J. EATON, Teacher for the Year.

This school was small in number, and most of the pupils very young in years. At the close of the first term, they were quiet, respectful, and had evidently been studious. Good spelling was noted. The pieces chosen for recitation for both terms were good in sentiment and were thoroughly committed. This school was easier to teach than one numbering sixty pupils, but every school contains elements which prevent a faithful teacher from reclining on "flowery beds of ease." The general sentiment in this district has always been favorable to a good school.

Roll of Honor, 1st term: Dora S. Page, Viola F. Simonds, C. Eddie Holt, Willie Judson, John Judson, Ora B. Severance, Alfred E. Simonds, Marlon E. Johnson; 2nd term: C. Eddie Holt, Myron D. Severance, Bertie H. Severance, Ora B. Severance, Marlon E. Johnson.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

MOSES KIMBALL, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Stella M. George, the latter term being, we believe, the tenth of Miss George's labors in this district. Under her administration the school possessed the same features which have been presented in former reports. Miss George being called to enter a new field of labor was succeeded in the winter by Miss Almira J. Eaton. It was thought by some that a change of teachers would be disastrous to the best interests of this school. But this was not the fact. It proved that new modes of discipline and new methods of instruction were received with favor. The closing day was a very stormy one, but a very interesting order of exercises was successfully carried out.

Roll of Honor, 1st term: Hugh T. Duffill, Ashley H.

George, George L. Gates, Charles H. Gates, Clarence Warner, Burton C. Williams, Nyna I. Sleeper, Linda P. Williams, Bernice S. Pearl; 2nd term: Charles H. Gates Linda P. Williams, Hannah E. Williams, Vesta E. Sleeper, Nyna I. Sleeper; 3rd term: Hugh T. Duffill, Ashley H. George, Harry Cummings, Archie W. Williams, Burton C. Williams, Henry M. Williams, Frank L. Webber, Clarence P. Kimball, Clarence Warner, Elmer York, Ned S. Sleeper, Frank E. Davis, Albert H. Ray, Horace R. Hubbard, Mamie K. Keith, Ethel A. Pollard, Lulu B. Cass, Linda P. Williams, Florence M. Webber, Edward Sleeper, Clara A. Russell.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

GARDNER TOWLE, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The spring term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Anna N. Peaslee. Miss Peaslee is one of a family of school teachers and we were not surprised that she manifested an aptness for teaching. She won the love of her scholars, was thorough in her instruction and a good disciplinarian. Any slight defects will be remedied by experience. She was succeeded in the autumn by Miss Nellie G. Hill. Miss Hill is very young and this was her first experience in the care of a school. She was, nevertheless, a power in the school room, and the result of her labors as exemplified on the last day of the term was a very happy one. This was not all due to the tact of the teacher, for she says of her pupils that they were "perfect."

Roll of Honor, 1st term: Mamie E. Towle, Charlie Bly, George Bly, Bertie Briton, Freddie Buzzell, Everett Hill; 2nd term: Mamie E. Towle, Mamie Bly, John Bartlett.

In reviewing the school work for the year, we find many reasons for encouragement. No serious disturbances have arisen to divide the best interests of the schools. The terms in the outer districts have been short, but the number of pupils being so much smaller than in the village school, perhaps

the difference in the advantages enjoyed is not as great as might at first be supposed. The most common fault in reading is rapid utterance, as though the reader were on a wager to see how many words could be spoken in a given time. This does not apply to all pupils nor to all schools. The whole number of scholars enrolled on the registers is 149, 97 boys and 52 girls. We have quite a number of pupils that rank high in mental ability and in scholarship. But we would remember that this is not all, nor the highest end to be sought. In the words of another, "The world needs good men as well as good accountants and grammarians, and there is less lack of intelligence than of public virtue and private fair dealing—less lack of knowledge than of an inclination toward a noble life—a life of justice, kindness and mercy."

In closing this, my eighth annual report, I would thank those teachers, parents and friends, who have kindly assisted me in my efforts to promote the best interests of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE L. DOW,

Superintending School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

No. of District....	Wages per Month.	No. of Weeks.....	No. of Scholars...	Av. Attendance....	Reading.....	Spelling.....	Writing..... ...	Arithmetic.....	Geography...	Grammar.....	History.....	Composition.. ...	Physiology.....	Drawing.....	Vocal Music.. ...
1.....	$28.00	19	39	..	39	39	39	20	20	15	8	15	..	..	..
2.....	28.00	20	22	19	22	22	18	12	5	1	1	..	1	..	..
3.....	40.00	32	65	58	65	65	56	39	39	14	12	20	..	40	12
4.....	24.00	21	22	18	22	22	11	22	7	2	..	4	..	..	22